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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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1. The reply filed on 1-5-98 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
  - a. The amendments filed 1-5-98 and 6-26-98 propose amendments to the specification and claims that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. In the claims the amendment to claim 3, filed 1-5-98, fails to comply with the rule because it fails to provide all deleted text in brackets, "all" has been deleted from the claim but has not been provided in brackets. In the specification the amendment beginning on col. 5, line 23, filed 6-26-98, fails to comply with the rule because it fails to provide all deleted text in brackets, see particularly line 3 of the amended paragraph which deletes "is" but fails to bracket it. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required. Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2)(ii) requires that each claim amendment submission include a status of every claim of the reissue application, whether pending or canceled, including the claims of the original patent. Note: any amendment to the specification now requires an entire rewrite of the text of the paragraph of the specification.

**A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.**

2. Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to timely apprise the Office of any litigation information, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. 4,883,527, which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in this reissue application. This obligation rests with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P. Griffin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1164. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM-4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stan Silverman, can be reached on (703) 308-3837. The fax phone number for all "official faxes" to Group 1730 is (703) 305-3599 or 7718. The fax phone number for "unofficial" or "draft" faxes is (703) 305-7115.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

  
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